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**Barnes Federal Code.** Containing All Federal Statutes of General and Public Nature now in Force, Edited by Uriah Barnes, Editor West Virginia Code 1916, and Other Legal Works; Formerly Law Instructor in West Virginia University, and for Many Years Associated in Special Work with the Supreme Court of Appeals of that State. Associate Editors, Henry Craig Jones, Dean College of Law, West Virginia University; Ira E. Robinson, formerly Judge West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. Virginia Law Book Company, Charleston, W. Va. The Bobbs Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. 1919. Price \$12.00.

A law book reviewer once told us that it was his habit when he wanted to speak nice things of a book given him for review, to quote the preface. This may be a very safe rule in a good many instances, but we have never followed it with any degree of success and yet, after a careful examination of this volume we do not believe we could in a more fitting and proper manner characterize the great value of this volume than by quoting a portion of the preface:

"The characteristic features of the book are the original and careful classification of the laws according to subject matter, on the basis of the Revised Statutes and the Statutes at Large; the neatness and attractiveness in typography and mechanical details; full citations at the end of each section—all taken and verified—like the text from the original sources; the valuable historical explanatory notes appearing throughout the volume; the special tables of statutes and of parallel references to other editions; and the comprehensive general index, upon which every effort and care have been bestowed to secure accuracy, clarity and completeness."

We unhesitatingly affirm that there is not one word in this statement of the preface which is not absolutely correct, and we have seldom taken up a book of statutes that pleased us as much in typography, arrangement and general details. We can recommend it most highly to the profession and do not see how such a work could be improved upon.